

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 27 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 1 is a plan view of ~~illustrates various methods and apparatus for forming~~ a fastener product with discrete element bearing regions.

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 4, line 28:

-- FIG. 1A is a side view of the fastener product of FIG. 1.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 29 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 2 ~~is a sectional view of a barrier material with areas removed for use in the method and apparatus of~~ an enlarged view of area 2 in FIG. 1A.

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 4, line 29:

-- FIG. 2A an enlarged view of area 2 in FIG. 1A, for an alternate embodiment.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 3 ~~is an unscaled cross sectional view of the~~ illustrates various methods and apparatus for forming a fastener product having discrete fastener element bearing regions ~~produced by the method and apparatus of FIG 1.~~

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 4, which starts with "FIG. 3A is".

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

FIGs. 4 and 4A are enlarged views of area 4 in FIG. 3, illustrating cavities for use in
~~unsealed side and cross-sectional views of a tight fitting metal sleeve with cutouts for use in an~~
alternate ~~method~~ methods of producing fastener products having discrete hook-bearing regions.

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 5, line 7:

-- FIG. 4B is a side view of a fastener product having molded stems.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 5 is ~~an unsealed cross-sectional view of a fastener product having discrete fastener element bearing regions produced by the metal sleeve of FIGs 4 and 4A in conjunction with certain methods~~ paratus of FIG 1 a plan view of a barrier material with apertures.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 6 is a ~~sectional view of a packing film or other suitable material with discrete areas of overprint coating~~ side view of a fastener product formed with the barrier material of FIG. 5.

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 5, line 12:

-- FIG. 6A is a cross-sectional view, taken along line A-A in FIG. 6.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 7 is a ~~sectional view of a tab feature~~ side view of a fastener product formed with a hook-engageable barrier material.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 8 is a ~~sectional~~ perspective view of a ~~fastened tab feature~~ cylindrical mold roll fitted with a barrier sleeve.

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 5, line 14:

-- FIG. 8A is a cross-sectional view, taken along line 8A-8A in FIG. 8.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

FIGs. 11-11A are, respectively, magnified, diagrammatic plan and cross-sectional views of a portion of an intermediate fastener product while FIG. 11B is a further magnified view ~~along~~ line of area 11B of FIG. 11A.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now also to Figs. 4, 4A and 4B, in some embodiments (Fig. 4), cavities 40 of mold roll 36 have a stem forming portion 44 and an engaging head forming portion 46 so as to form stems having engaging heads during the molding process. The result, for example, can be a fastener product having molded fastener elements such as those illustrated and discussed above with reference to Fig. 2A. In these embodiments, the solidified product stripped from mold roll 36 has fastener elements capable of engagement. In other embodiments (Fig. 4A), cavities 40 of mold roll 36 have only a stem forming portion 44'. In these embodiments, the product 10' (Fig. 4A ~~4B~~) stripped from mold roll 36 has stems 18', extending from base 12 which can be post-treated to form engaging heads. For example, after molding and stripping the product from mold roll 36, the tops of the molded stems can be deformed by pressure and/or heat to create discs or other shapes that overhang the base of the product and are capable of engaging, e.g., loop material or like fastener elements.